

Appl. No.: 10/804,925  
Docket No.: DB001089-000  
Amdt. Dated: 16 May 2007  
Reply to Office action of 16 April 2007

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action (restriction requirement), Applicants elect, without traverse, claims 18 – 30, drawn to a tubular fuel cell, classified in class 429, subclass 31, referred to by the Examiner as Invention II. The non-elected claims 1 – 17 and 31 – 100, have been canceled without prejudice to the submission of those claims in a divisional application.

An early Office action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be beneficial to advance prosecution of the application to early issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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